

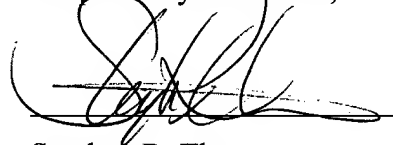
REMARKS

Claims 21-29, 43-50, 53, and 54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20, 30-42, and 52 are canceled to simplify or materially reduce issues for appeal. No new matter is added by this amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment for the purposes of appeal.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

DATE: Oct 8, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Tkacs', written over a horizontal line.

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